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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maidan Improvement Committee, Tellicherry, has requested the Government in 1955 for permission to construct a stadium-*cum*-pavilion in the maidan belonging to the Government;

(b) if so, whether sanction has been accorded; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(Questions Nos. 2844 and 2845 taken together.)

Channel from Thuchanam to Kannyalamkara.

* 2844 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to answer given to starred question No. 777 on 17th February 1955—

(a) whether the investigation of the schemes has since been completed and whether the estimates for the works have been prepared; and

(b) if so, when the work will be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (a) A preliminary investigation of the schemes indicates only a doubtful availability of supply at the dam sites proposed. Besides, the schemes are of an uneconomic nature from the food production point of view. A scheme for the construction of vented dam across Peraloth Thodu at Thuchanam in Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara district has been sanctioned by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme at an estimated cost of Rs. 23,756. As the three schemes referred to by the hon. Member are either on the same Peraloth stream or on the tributory of that stream, detailed investigation of these schemes will be taken up only after the results of the above scheme are watched.

(b) Does not arise.

* 2845 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to starred question No. 777 on 14th May 1954—

(a) whether the investigation has been completed; and

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be taken up?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme has been sanctioned on 4th August 1955 by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) at a cost of Rs. 23,756 including the capitalized value of the abatement of land revenue and the work is expected to be taken up shortly.

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SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Government be pleased to see that the work is completed before the commencement of the next monsoon season?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : We will try to do our best.

(Questions Nos. 2846 and 2847 taken together.)

Government Transport buses.

* 2846 *Q.*—SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM (on behalf of Sri M. R. Ramachandran) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of Government Transport buses actually on the route in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The average number of Government Transport buses actually put on the road on week days in the month of July 1955 was 292 in the A.M. shift and 291 in the P.M. shift. On holidays the average worked out to 262 in the A.M. shift and 258 in the P.M. shift.

* 2847 *Q.*—SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM (on behalf of Sri S. C. C. Anthony Pillai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average seating capacity in the new "Leyland" buses and the old type of buses; and

(*b*) the time taken for a round trip during the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. by these two different types of buses plying between Mylapore and Parry's Corner?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) The average sitting accommodation available in the new ordinary Leyland Royal Tiger buses is 47. The sitting accommodation available in Leyland Comet is 36. The average sitting accommodation available in the old type of long wheelbase Fords and Chevrolets is 33.

(*b*) The running time of a route is fixed after conducting a series of timing tests *during peak hours* on all types of buses of the route taking into account the time required for ticket issue, boarding and alighting of passengers, speed restrictions, etc. The route length between Mylapore and Parry's Corner on route 3 is six miles. The scheduled running time for one round trip in this route is one hour and twelve minutes which comprises of the actual running time of sixty-two minutes for up and down journeys and a lay over of ten minutes for terminal working.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : தினம் சராசரி எத்தனை பஸ்கள் ஓடாமல் பழுது ஏற்பட்டு நிற்கின்றன ?' அவைகளை உடனடியாக ஓட்டுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன திட்டம் வைத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : ஏறக்குறைய தினம் 20 25 பஸ்கள் ஓடாமல் நிற்கின்றன. அவைகள் உடனடியாக ரிப்பேர் செய்து ஓட்டப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. சில உடனடியாக ரிப்பேர் செய்யப்படமுடியா விட்டால் இரண்டு, மூன்று நாட்களுக்குள் நன்றாக ரிப்பேர் செய்யப்பட்டு ஓட்டப்படுகின்றன.